

**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION  
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

**DATE:** November 22, 2011  
**TO:** Lee Holloway, Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Mark A. Grady, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** State Employees with County Pension Benefits


It is requested that this matter be referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit, the Committee on Personnel and the Pension Study Commission.

As you know, state legislation has transferred income maintenance (MiLES) and childcare (MECA) programs from the County to the State for administration. Sections 49.825 and 49.826 of the statutes provide that some of the county employees who have become state employees will retain membership in the County's retirement system. The statute also requires the State to reimburse Milwaukee County for the employer's share of the actuarial cost of membership related to these employees.

The County retirement system has defined membership to cover only County employees. The attached ordinance amendment modifies that definition to include those state employees who are members of the County retirement system as a result of the state legislation. This ordinance amendment is necessary to bring the ordinances into compliance with the state legislation and to ensure that the operation of the system matches the ordinances.

The Pension Board requests the adoption of this ordinance. I am attaching the Pension Board's comment.

An actuarial report has been requested for the Pension Study Commission review.

  
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Deputy Corporation Counsel

Attachment

cc(w/att.): County Executive Chris Abele  
Supervisor Paul Cesarz  
Carol Mueller  
Jodi Mapp